

# Agriculture and Early Settlements

## ➤ Gathering the Facts

1. Turn to pages 8–9 of the Atlas. Read the introduction and the history question, “Isn’t that wild?” Write **T** next to each of the following statements if it is true or **F** if the statement is false.
  - a. For early settlers, hunting and gathering was more reliable than agriculture. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Agriculture changed human society forever. \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Dogs were the first domestic animal. \_\_\_\_\_

## ★ Thinking About History

2. Read the introduction again. Then, for each of the following pair of events, write **C** next to the cause and **E** next to the effect.
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ People began to herd wild animals and plant seeds.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Farming communities began.
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ Settlements became permanent.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Farmers could get their food in one place.
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_ Settlements became permanent.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Farming communities grew into villages.
  - d. \_\_\_\_\_ People became free to specialize and work other jobs than growing food.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Farmers grew more food than they needed.

## ➤ Places, Regions, and Landscapes

3. Use map A, “Spread of Agriculture” to answer the following questions.
  - a. In what region did farming begin? \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. What were the first two cities? \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. By 5000 B.C. why could more lands be farmed? \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. Why did farming spread into West Africa?  
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  - e. By 3000 B.C. on what continent were people still only hunting and gathering?  
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## ★ History Through Maps

4. Look at map B, "Jericho." Use the information to answer the following questions.

- a. How many people lived in Jericho? \_\_\_\_\_
- b. What buildings were located inside the city walls? \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_
- c. What kind of crop was grown in Jericho? \_\_\_\_\_
- d. What was located outside of the city walls? \_\_\_\_\_
- e. What conclusions can you draw about the society of Jericho from looking at this illustration of the city? \_\_\_\_\_  
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## ➤ People and Their Environments

5. Look at picture C and read its caption. Use the information to answer the following questions.

- a. Why was herding animals more reliable than hunting? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- b. What was one type of animal that was herded? \_\_\_\_\_

## ➤ Location

6. Look at chart D, "Earliest Domestic Plants and Animals." Draw a line from each domestic animal or plant to the place where it was found. Some animals and plants were found in more than one region.

**Domestic Plant or Animal**

- a. turkeys °
- b. goats °
- c. yams °
- d. rye °
- e. rice °
- f. cotton °

**Region**

- ° Middle East
- ° Americas
- ° Africa
- ° South and Southeast Asia
- ° Europe
- ° China